
Title: The Pyre Ritual

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The pyre is a ritual where an offering to Oblivion is burned as method of delivery. It is fairly simple to perform, and can be used along with prayers to modify the rite for blessings or

visions. The basic pyre begins with creating a sanctified circle in which the offering shall be burned. The individual performing the rite should cut themselves and collect enough blood to draw a circle on the ground large enough to contain the sacrifice. For a standard circle, a cup or half cup of blood is enough. The line does not need to be thick, if the surface is solid such as with a rock or tiles the blood could be brushed on or drawn with one's finger or dagger. If the caster has no blood, the reagent can be purchased from Umbran necromancers or gathered from the offering itself. The reasoning behind using one's own blood is its binding properties as a reagent. It will create a stronger bond between the caster and Oblivion which is significant if the pyre rite is being used to obtain visions.

Once the blood circle has been drawn, the caster shall recite a prayer asking for Oblivion's

blessing upon the circle.
The caster should create
a simple prayer for
themselves, as it will hold
more meaning than one
recited from a book.
Unlike with magery,
prayer is further rooted
in the caster choosing
and using words with
significance to themselves,
the words becoming
somewhat like one's mana.
The power derived from
the words is only as
strong as one's conviction
to what they are saying.
For such a simple rite,
the prayer does not need
to be elaborate, but it
must be heart felt. If
the caster has succeeded
the blood circle will turn
black, although perhaps
slowly for those less
experienced with Oblivion
and its power.

The next steps are to
place tinder within the
circle as a base, place
the offering on top of
the tinder, and then
stack wood leaning against
the offering so it shall
burn effectively.
Something to keep in
mind is the type of wood
used. In rites for visions
or arcane blessing the
wood of a reaper would
be most suited due to
its magical nature. A
blessing of war or power
would find bloodwood
more suited for the
task. Once the pyre
has been assembled
it may be lit using
torches or fire fields.

The last step is a final
prayer. If the pyre is
simply an offering an
"etheng" will suffice, but
in vision or blessing rites
a prayer describing what
the caster wishes to be

blessed with is necessary.
In the case of a vision,
the caster should deeply
inhale the pyre's smoke,
holding it within their
lungs for a few moments
before exhaling and
stating their prayer
as they do so. In the
case of a blessing, the
prayer should be spoken
as the flames burn,
and upon the flames
dying each member of the
rite should be
with the hot ash.

When forming the prayer,
it should be clear and
concise and express
explicitly what the caster
wants. For example, "show
me thy darkness" is
completely meaningless. If
the caster sought
Oblivion's darkness, they
would end themselves and
become one with it. If
the caster wished for
knowledge of some sort,
a better method would be
something along the lines
of "show me how I can
use your power with my
necromancy." If the
caster was powerful and
worthwhile enough to
receive such knowledge,
they may experience a
vision showing a rite or
spell in their sleep.